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Report on Books in the Future Released

Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin delivered a report entitled *Books in Our Future* to Senator Charles McC. Mathias, Jr., at a press conference on December 7. The report was prepared and transmitted in accordance with Senate Concurrent Resolution 59, agreed to November 18, 1983, which authorized a study of the changing role of the book in the future by The Librarian under the auspices of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. The resolution was sponsored by Senator Mathias, who is chairman of the Joint Committee on the Library.

Books in Our Future draws on discussions with authors, publishers, booksellers, computer experts, librarians, scientists, educators, and scholars, and on the experience of the staff of the Library of Congress. It also draws on discussions with two advisory committees. The letter of transmittal notes that the conclusions are those of The Librarian of Congress. A related volume offering the views of project advisers and consultants will be published by the Library in 1985 under the auspices of the Center for the Book.

Affirming that "our democracy is built on books and reading," the report asserts that "technology is not a threat" to the book; rather, "we must enlist new technologies with cautious enthusiasm" to strengthen our national commitment to books and reading. Illiteracy and aliteracy are described as "twin menaces" to our Culture of the Book. The report calls for a national goal of abolishing illiteracy in the United States by 1989, the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. A program for combating illiteracy and aliteracy is outlined, with examples of what is already being done and specific recommendations for action by private organizations, the Congress, the Executive Branch, and the Library of Congress.

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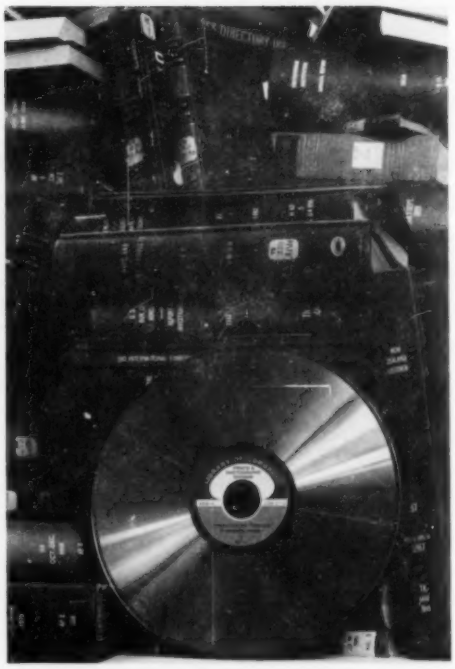
Part 1 of the report, The Culture of the Book: Today and Tomorrow, describes a whole constellation of habits, institutions, values, and resources. Popular stereotypes of readers have misled us, the report maintains, for book readers are generally active people, and active people are book readers. "The reading of books is not a passive, marginal social fact, but a major national activity."

It "would be fatal" to try to extract the traditional book from our lives, "but luckily this is impossible." A commonsense reason for this is the enormous investment that all libraries, institutions, and individuals have in books. The basic characteristics of books offer even more compelling reasons to expect the book to remain a "fertile resource" in the decades ahead. The convenience of the book, its independence of outside power sources, its unique individualism, its mobility, and exportability are not likely to be replaced.

The report notes that we have failed to do all we should do to face and defeat the twin menaces of illiteracy and aliteracy, but that our Nation is beginning to mobilize its efforts. In this endeavor "new technologies are new allies." Computer competence is no substitute for the ability to read, but new technologies can encourage new readers, provide useful services of information, access, storage, retrieval, and preservation, and enrich the Culture of the Book. Noting a "leisure explosion," the report states that time given to new forms of leisure activity such as television is not necessarily taken from time given to reading: "In our technological society, time seems to have become uncannily elastic." Looking ahead, "we must use all our technologies to make the most of our inheritance, to move toward an American Renaissance of the Culture of the Book."

In Part II: A Manifold Program, the report calls for a manifold program for combating illiteracy and aliteracy: "wise legislation and public funds can help,"



A videodisk produced during the Optical Disk Pilot Program that began in late 1982. Looking much like a silvered 33⅓ r.p.m. recording, a 12-inch videodisk will hold up to 54,000 images on a side. A demonstration of a disk with its player and a video monitor will be included in the exhibition, "Books and Other Machines."

but there is no simple solution. The solutions lie "in countless efforts by every one of us and in every one of our institutions," both private and public. Items in the program "are numerous and miscellaneous, but they are not trivial." Section I, What Our Citizens are Doing and Can Do, is testimony to the vitality of the Culture of the Book and the importance of books and reading to our citizens. It offers 114 "encouraging examples" of present programs and cites the work of 31 organizations.

Sections II and III offer suggestions to Congress and the Executive Branch of the Government. Suggestions include strengthened support of the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) and the Department of Education's Adult Literacy Initiative.

The report has been issued as Senate Report 98-231 and is available for $2.50 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 (Stock No. S/N 052-070-05978-8), or in person only from the Sales Shops in the Jefferson and Madison Buildings.

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STAFF NEWS

Everett Mullins, Jr., Dies
Former Library Staff Member

Everett Mullins, Jr., a former supply clerk in the Procurement and Supply Division, died on October 8. Mr. Mullins retired from the Library of Congress in March 1980 after 37 years of Federal service.

Mr. Mullins was born and educated in Twin Branch, W. Va. He entered the U.S. Army in 1941 and served in Panama, Europe, and the Pacific in World War II as a supply specialist. He retired from the Army in 1962 and joined the Library in 1969 in the Central Services Division. Mr. Mullins joined the Procurement and Supply Division in 1972. He continued in that division until his retirement. During his years of service, he received many letters of commendation and gained many friends.

Richard W. Hill Retires With 42 Years of Federal Service

Richard W. Hill, a laborer in the Buildings Management Division, retired from the Library of Congress on September 28 after 42 years of Federal service. Mr. Hill's Federal service career began on September 11, 1942, at the Library as an elevator operator. In April

Mr. Welsh and Mr. Hill

of 1944, he left the Library to join the U.S. Navy and served during World War II. He was honorably discharged in April of 1946.

Mr. Hill returned to the Library in April of 1946 as an elevator operator and served in that position until October of 1950 when he was reinstated with the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in 1954. On September 30 of that year, Mr. Hill returned to the Library as an elevator operator until his promotion to laborer in 1971.

Mr. Hill was honored at a reception in Dining Room A of the James Madison Memorial Building and was presented a Federal Service Award by Deputy Librarian William J. Welsh. Also attending the reception and ceremony were Gerald T. Garvey, chief of the Buildings Managment Divison; Glen Zimmerman, the Associate Librarian for Management; and many of Mr. Hill's friends and coworkers.

Affirmative Action Office Will Present Special Program

On Wednesday, December 12, Eleanor Holmes Norton will speak at the Library of Congress at a special program presented by the Affirmative Action Office

Eleanor Holmes Norton

in observance of the anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The program will take place at 10:30 a.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium and is open to the public.

A professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center, Ms. Norton has served with distinction as chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, as chair of the New York City Commission on Human Rights, and as assistant legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Library staff members may attend this program with prior approval of their supervisors.

Announcements

Staff members are invited to the Union 2477 lunch seminar on Friday, December 14, at 12 noon in the Mumford Room. Officer Joseph Gladden of the D.C. Police Department will speak on "Personal Safety" with emphasis on the holiday season. Staff members are encouraged to bring their own lunches. Coffee and tea will be provided. The feature of this holiday gathering will be a mitten tree, a fresh Christmas tree decorated with colorful mittens. Staff members are invited to donate mittens for needy children.

The Health Services Office and Employee Assistance Committee invite staff members to attend the Health Forum scheduled for Tuesday, December 18, at 10 a.m. in the Mumford Room. The topic for this forum is "Fighting the Holiday Blues." Dr. Joseph R. Rovello will be the speaker.

Bill Haig of the Staff Relations Office, ext. 77361, invites staff members with experience in tax preparation who are interested in participating in this year's Tax Assistance Program to contact him for scheduling.

423 Staff Members Recognized At Semiannual Awards Ceremony

Four hundred and twenty-three staff members were recognized at the Semiannual Awards Ceremony in the Coolidge Auditorium on Tuesday afternoon, November 27. This biannual program recognizes the achievements of the Library staff and encourages dedication to and excellence of service. Recognition is given for length of service, quality increases, suggestions, and special achievements. Meritorious and superior service awards are presented on this occasion.

Welcoming remarks were made by Jean Kridle, who chairs the Incentive Awards Committee, and by Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin, who described some of the special achievements of the year. Music was provided by Fred Beaudoin of the Department of Defense and Richard A. Jacobs of the National Archives. Assisting The Librarian in the presentations were Associate Librarian Donald C. Curran and Staff Relations Officer Barbara Young.

[The names of those persons who received special achievement, meritorious, and superior service awards will appear in future issues of Staff News in the LC *Information Bulletin.*]

Length of Service

Library of Congress employees are awarded service emblems in recognition and appreciation of faithful service to the Library and the citizens of the United States.

30 Years

Audry O. Bennett
Catalog Management and Publication Division
Processing Services

Joseph F. Burge
Buildings Management Division
Office of the Associate Librarian for Management

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Government Division
Congressional Research Service

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Research Services

Marie Fleming
Information and Reference Division
Copyright Office

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Cataloging Distribution Service
Processing Services

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Office of the Associate Librarian for Management

Howard J. Kierzewski
Engineering Planning and Development Office
Office of the Associate Librarian for Management

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Subject Cataloging Division
Processing Services

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Cataloging Distribution Service
Processing Services

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Loan Division
Research Services

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Buildings Management Division
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Science and Technology Division
Research Services

Eugene Walton
Affirmative Action Office
Office of the Associate Librarian for Management

35 Years

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Copyright Office

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Order Division
Processing Services

Robert E. McCollum
Subject Cataloging Division
Processing Services

Sheila R. Penners
Office of Assignment, Reference and Special Services
Congressional Research Service

James P. Pipkin
Central Services Division
Office of the Associate Librarian for Management

40 Years

Edward N. MacConomy
National Referral Center
Research Services

Richard E. Moore, Sr.
Buildings Management Division
Office of the Associate Librarian for Management

Robert E. Wolf (Retired)
Environment and Natural Resources Policy Division
Congressional Research Service

45 Years

Abraham Bodurgil
African and Middle Eastern Division
Research Services

Quality Increases

Additional within grade increases have been approved for the following Library of Congress employees in recognition of their sustained high quality performance.

Associate Librarian for Management

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Paula Ann Houghton
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Susan M. Johannsen
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J. Michael Donnelly
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Victoria Boucher
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Mildred E. Dawkins
Vera W. De Buchananne
Alma J. H. Edwards
JoEllen Gass
Carl E. Henderson
Allen E. Hewitt
Julia B. Huff
Ellen M. Lazarus
Lester L. Ledbetter
Eugene Levitzky
Sandra V. Lewis
Joyce Malloy
Rita M. Maturi
John Warren McKay
Sylvia McKinley
Debra K. Moore
Thomas Nichols
Eric S. Reid
Susan A. Robinson
Milton I. Rowe, Jr.
Robert Saladini
Philip R. Saunders, Jr.
Timothy L. Schurtter
Verna M. Sharp

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Gary Thomas	Mary Therese Williams
Viola D. Thomas	Mary R. Wilson
Jacquelyn R. Watts	Robert B. Winsboro

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Judith A. Kuhagen	Laurie E. Smith
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Barbara B. Maddox	Katherine H. Thomas
Sally Hart McCallum	Gertrude H. Trower
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Robert E. Moore	Mary Virginia Wright

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Robert Dunn	William P. Tuchrello
Janie L. Gilchrist	Mary C. Yarnall
Steven Hensen	

Suggestion Awards

An award for an idea submitted by an employee and adopted by the Library.

Leroy Foley	Philip J. Murphy
Linda A. Hayes	Peggy J. Sullivan

Group Award

Interdepartmental

Joseph J. Keenan, Jr.—Photoduplication Service, ALM

William E. Sundwick—Loan Division, Research Services

Group Award

Licensing Division

Copyright Office

George G. Lanier	Walter D. Sampson, Jr.

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Joseph Berryhill, inquiries recorder, GS-7, CRS ARS, 40478; Annelies Dobak, editor, GS-7, LL NEA, 40498; Clifton Epes, personnel assistant, GS-6, Pers Opns, 40645; Wendy Zeldin, senior editor, GS-9, LL FE, 40652.

Temporary Appointments: Cindy Brown, library aid, GT-1, Photodup, NP; Marilyn Dunn, clerk, GS-2, Cop Inf & Ref, NP; Diana Gilbert, library aid, GS-3, Subj Cat, NP; Bruce Johnson, music cataloger, GS-9, NLS/BPH, 40413; Diane Johnson, editorial assistant, GS-5, CRS E, NP; Betty Lupinacci, legal information technician, GS-6, LL AB, NP.

Reappointments: John Dettor, assistant secretary, GS-5, Hisp, NP; Pamela McKinley, deck attendant, GS-3, Ser, G1037.

Promotions: Raymond Joyner, CRS ARS, to collections improvement assistant, GS-5, Col Mgmt, 40524; Tracie King, GRR, to secretary, GS-5, Col Mgmt, 40511.

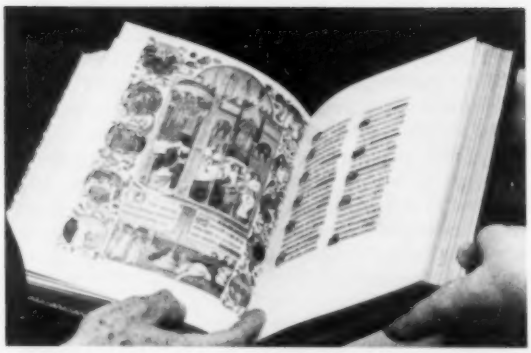
Transfer: Wanda Thompson, Loan, to research assistant, GS-5, FRD, 40163.

Resignations: Linda Hayes, Cop Cat; Margaret Malone, CRS EPW; Henry Tucker, Loan.

Staff Carpool Locator

Bruce Foote of the Economics Division, ext. 77585, is seeking riders to start a vanpool coming from the Penn Mar Shopping Center, Forestville, Md., area. He is on a flexitime schedule.

Grace Shao of the Exchange and Gift Division, ext. 79465, wants to be a rider/driver in a carpool coming from the Springfield or Annandale, Va., area. She is on a flexitime schedule.



A facsimile edition of a medieval Book of Hours was presented to the Library of Congress by Harry N. Abrams Co., Inc., on November 7. The original handlettered, illuminated book took 75 years to make and has been described as one of the most elaborate and splendid books ever made. The facsimile, shown above, will be on display in the exhibition, "Books and Other Machines."

"Books and Other Machines" Exhibition Opens in the Great Hall

"Books and Other Machines," a new exhibition in the Great Hall of the Jefferson Building, explores the complementary relationships among printed books, technology, and reading. Over 100 books, manuscripts, posters, prints, and photographs illustrate the capacity of the book for adaptation and innovation and the importance of books and reading in shaping modern life. "Books and Other Machines" opened December 7 and will be on view until June 2, 1985. The exhibition was inspired by the year-long study of the book in the future described in the previous article. The curator is Alice Schreyer, consultant to the Library's Center for the Book.

The scope of the exhibition embraces items as diverse as a 12th-century accordian-fold Chinese sutra, Thomas Jefferson's copy of the guidebook he used on a tour of France, a videodisk, and a Macintosh personal computer. Theater, motion picture, and television posters depict adaptations of such classics as *Jane Eyre, Uncle Tom's Cabin,* and *The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby.*

Selected examples show how advances in design and technology have made books more portable, affordable, available, and efficient. These include a 16th-century navigational book with movable disks, an 18th-century pop-up book used to teach anatomy when medical books were scarce, a landscape gardening book with sliding panels showing before-and-after views, a microphotograph like those taped to the leg of a pigeon during the siege of Paris, Amelia Earhart's memoir with a pocket containing a recording of her broadcast from London, and an anamorphic alphabet book that can be viewed correctly only in the image reflected by a cylindrical mirror.

Among the alliances between tradition and technology on display are the first voice-indexed dictionary, produced by the Library's National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped; and the facsimile of *Les Tres riches heures du duc de Berry,* recently donated to the Library by the publisher, Harry N. Abrams Co., Inc. These and many other examples demonstrate present and potential partnerships between "Books and Other Machines."

The keyboard of the CJK (Chinese-Japanese-Korean) terminal developed by the Research Libraries Group with cooperation from the Library of Congress, is one of the special services of the computer described in the report on Books in Our Future.

Stradivari to be Commemorated by Juilliard String Quartet and Cellist Bonnie Hampton

The Juilliard String Quartet and cellist Bonnie Hampton will perform a concert on December 19 to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Antonio Stradivari. This annual event honors not only the great Cremonese luthier, but also Mrs. Gertrude Clarke Whittall, whose gift of five Stradivari instruments in the mid-1930s has thrilled concert audiences in the Coolidge Auditorium for nearly half a century. The Budapest String Quartet was the first resident ensemble in the Library of Congress. Its members played the Whittall Strads in regular concerts in the Coolidge Auditorium until 1962, at which time the members of the Juilliard String Quartet became the resident artists.

On December 19, the Juilliard String Quartet and Miss Hampton will perform two works, the Quintet in C major, Op. 163, D. 965 by Franz Schubert; and the Quintet in G major, Op. 14 of Sergei Taneyev. The concert will be sponsored by the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Foundation.

Cellist Bonnie Hampton is a member of the Naumburg Award-winning Francesco Trio and has appeared as guest artist with the Budapest, Griller, Lenox, Guarneri, and Juilliard string quartets. She has performed previously at the Library of Congress with the Juilliard String Quartet, Music From Marlboro, and in a special concert of music by Ernst Bacon on the occasion of his eightieth birthday. In addition to performing much of the standard cello repertoire, Miss Hampton is particularly interested in the solo concertos of the 20th century and has worked with such noted composers as Copland, Dallapiccola, Kirchner, Kodály, and Milhaud. She has served on the faculties of Grinnell College and Stanford University, and is currently at the University of California at Berkeley and the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, where she is the director of the chamber music program. Miss Hampton studied with Pablo Casals in Prades and in Puerto Rico.

The concert on December 19 will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets will be distributed at the Washington Performing Arts Society box office, 1330 G St., N.W. (Jordan-Kitt's), beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, December 17. Two tickets will be distributed to an individual, with a 25-cent service charge on each ticket. Phone orders may be placed by calling 393-4463 between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. Mail orders are not accepted.

The same program will be offered on Tuesday evening, December 18, to guests of the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Foundation. The concert will be broadcast over radio station WETA-FM on Friday evening, December 21. It will be made available to stations in other cities by American Public Radio, under the auspices of the Katie and Walter Louchheim Fund in the Library of Congress.

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New Publication

Dare to be Creative. ISBN 0-8444-0456-X. Washington, D.C., 1984. (32 p.) A lecture presented at the Library of Congress on November 16, 1983, by Madeleine L'Engle. Miss L'Engle's thoughtful lecture about the writing, the writers, and the reading of children's books was sponsored by the Center for the Book and the Children's Literature Center in the Library of Congress and was a major contribution to the Library's annual celebration of National Children's Book Week. The mission and activities of the Children's Literature Center, which was established in 1963, are described in the introduction by Sybille Jagusch, chief of the Children's Literature Center. Free upon request from the Library of Congress, Central Services Division, Washington, D.C. 20540.

A U.S. Army photograph of a World War II serviceman selecting an Armed Services edition (ASE). The ASE project greatly expanded the audience for books and reading. The project is mentioned in the report Books in Our Future *and an ASE edition of John Steinbeck's* The Grapes of Wrath *is displayed in the exhibition, "Books and Other Machines."*

Ongoing Publication

Overseas Outlook. ISSN 0161-1828. Vol. 7. No. 2. April-September 1984. Quarterly newsletter with information for and about talking book and braille patrons living abroad. Free on request from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20542.

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